

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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NON-PREFERENCE TO RAIL JOURNEY  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any study has been conducted or any committee constituted to ascertain the reasons for giving priority to road journey over the train journey by the people despite rail journey being cheaper and environment friendly; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Railway Fare and Freight Committee (1993) constituted to examine the entire gamut of railway fare and freight structure, had inter-alia made the following observations:

- i. Road transport is more suitable with greater frequency for short distance passenger.
- ii. Roadways more or less give a door to door service.
- iii. Railways are the preferred mode of transport for long and medium distance travel.